DIGITAL INSIGHT Brief

July 2026

Welcome! We are excited to introduce this new update format alongside our Woodford County Review newsletter. Through Digital Insight Brief, members, community partners, and local leaders can stay informed on important updates, programs, and initiatives impacting agriculture and rural life in Woodford County.

Manager Minute

As summer continues, it's rewarding to look back on the many opportunities we've had to connect with our members and our community.

The Woodford County 4-H Show was another great success, and we were proud to support youth and agriculture throughout the week. From sponsoring Master Showmanship and hosting the Kiddie Tractor Pull to serving members at our Farm Bureau tent, it was wonderful to see so many families, volunteers, exhibitors, and community members celebrating agriculture together. Thank you to everyone who stopped by, participated, or helped make the week a success.

Our monthly MR Farmer Breakfast continues to bring members together on the first Tuesday of each month for timely conversations on issues impacting agriculture. We are also wrapping up another successful season of Summer Ag in the Classroom programming at local libraries, where young people explored agriculture through hands-on activities and stories. Our recent Herbs & Mocktails workshop was another great opportunity for women to gather, learn, and connect, and we've already planned another workshop this fall.

Thank you for your continued support of Woodford County Farm Bureau and the agricultural community. Whether you've participated in one of our programs, attended an event, volunteered your time, or simply taken an interest in local agriculture, your involvement helps strengthen the connection between farmers and our community. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve our county throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

August 4 *MR Farmer Breakfast 8:00am*

August 18 *Member Appreciation Picnic*

August 27 *Inputs Outlook Workshop with Evergreen FS 8:30am*

Sept 3 *Women's Outreach: Holiday Gifts Workshop 6:00pm*

**Register for workshops by calling 309-467-2347 or by email woodfordcfb@gmail.com*

**All workshops are held at the FB Building, 117 W Center St, Eureka, IL 61530 unless otherwise noted*

**Unless otherwise noted, events are open to both Farm Bureau members and community partners.*

Government Affairs

Local

Illinois Farm Bureau continues working with county Farm Bureaus to represent farmers' interests on proposed electric transmission line projects across the state. By providing early input on routing and advocating for agricultural landowners, Farm Bureau is helping minimize impacts to farms and rural communities.

State

Illinois Farm Bureau is urging Governor Pritzker to sign legislation that would modernize weight limits for dual-axle grain wagons, improving efficiency for future harvest seasons. Advocacy efforts also remain focused on estate tax reform and advancing the Family Farm Preservation Act to help keep family farms in the hands of future generations.

National

Illinois Farm Bureau is working with USDA and federal agencies on several key issues, including implementation of the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit and comments on EPA's Draft Fungicide Strategy. These efforts aim to protect farmers' access to crop protection tools while creating new opportunities for producers participating in sustainable biofuel markets.

Ag in the Classroom

Our Summer Ag in the Classroom library series is wrapping up as students prepare to head back to school. We're excited to kick off the new school year at our annual Back-to-School Teacher Night on August 31, where educators can earn professional development credits, learn about this year's Ag in the Classroom programming, and enjoy making pizza with Wendy Puff.

Women's Committee

The Women's Committee invites members and guests to join us for our next hands-on workshop on September 3. Participants will learn how to make five homemade favorites—vanilla extract, cookie mix in a jar, simmer pot bags, herbed butter, and candied nuts, while creating take-home projects, sampling recipes, and gathering ideas for thoughtful homemade gifts. The class is free for members and $20 for non-members.

Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders recently volunteered at the Kiddie Tractor Pull during the 4-H Show, helping 65 young participants enjoy one of the fair's favorite traditions. A special thank you to Heritage Tractor and Blunier Implement for generously donating the toy tractor prizes awarded to participants. If you're interested in joining the Young Leaders group or getting involved, please contact our office for more information.

A monthly snapshot of Farm Bureau activity, advocacy, and community engagement in Woodford County.

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